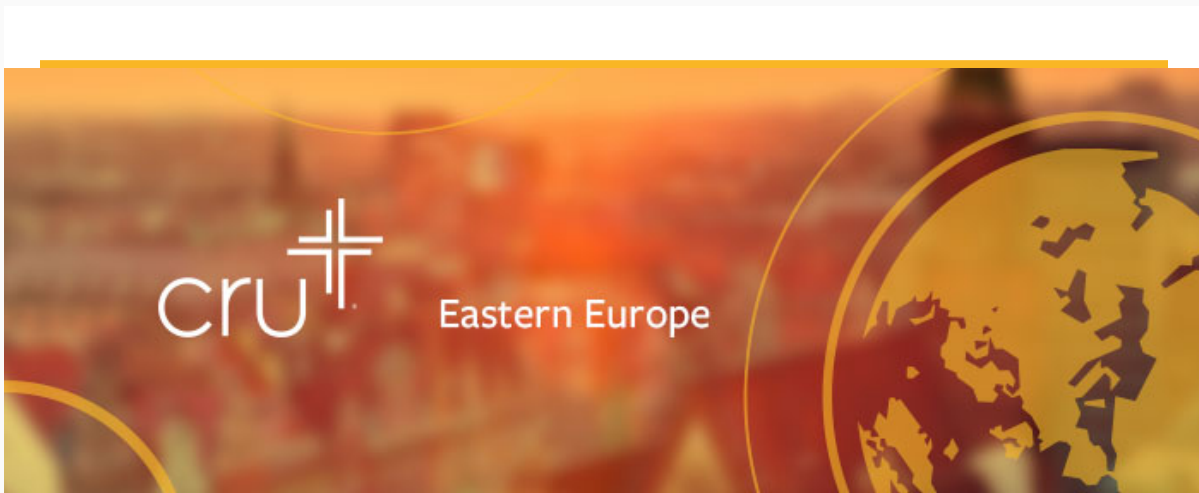


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### Spiritual Movements Among Women

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There are many exciting things going on around our part of the world these days, but I would like to focus on a new initiative taking place among the women in one of our more closed countries. For the security of those involved, I cannot mention names or the country where this is taking place.



A year ago Lana, one of our staff women, attended a facilitator's training for *the Significant Woman* life coaching series created by Cru. This study is designed to help

women discover and begin to live out a clear purpose for their lives. Each participant has the opportunity to review five aspects of her life through individual study, small group interaction and peer coaching with a partner from her group. Through this process she can identify the intersection of her strength areas and heart desires and then put into words her mission in life. Once she is clear on her purpose, it is simpler to determine how to prioritize weekly, monthly and annual goals and activities. This study is well-received by women in all walks of life, because it gives each person a clear Biblical handle on where she is going and why she is doing what she is doing. In fact, it is so well received that women can't wait to tell their friends about it!

So back to Lana. After hearing about this program, she wanted to see if it would work as an outreach strategy in her country. She gathered a group of five friends from church for the trial run. They really benefited from the study and saw great potential in using it, so Lana spent last year tweaking the translation and cultural aspects of the content. All the while, God kept increasing a desire in her heart to train women from around her country to become facilitators in their areas. In her mind's eye, she could already see a movement of women rising up as a result of this strategy!

She talked to her best friend about having a 7-day facilitator training in her home in July. Her friend said she was



crazy. How would they all fit? Who would pay for it? Who would come for 7 days? That was a long time! But God would not let the thought leave her mind.

So Lana kept thinking about how to make it happen. Peer coaching is a very new concept in her country, so she thought it might be good to have experts (Christian psychologists or life coaches) lead part of the training time. And as God would have it, she had met one of each a few months earlier at the first ever conference for Christian consultants in her country! And it turned out that these two women were even members of her church of 1700 people, she had just never met them!

Well, anyway, when Lana shared her vision for the movement and dream for the training, both Hanna and Yulia got really excited. They made a plan. Lana raised funds to cover expenses and they sent letters out to pastors' wives from around the country. This was a miracle in itself because the list came from pastors her husband had gotten to know through his involvement in a mentoring program set up to encourage and resource pastors of their denomination in towns and villages throughout the country. If he wouldn't have volunteered to be part of that ministry, there would be no list!

In the end, 21 ladies from 2 denominations came to the training in her home from all over the country! She recruited several people to cook and serve meals for them. Sixteen of them slept in Lana's home. Her husband was chief among those whose heartfelt service made the week a success.

When it was time to leave, many were ready to jump right in and start a group once they got home. But Lana knew that if these women did not get periodic encouragement, the momentum of the week would soon fade. So they created an interactive video conferencing webinar which takes place once a month. Each session is recorded, so it can be viewed later by those who can't make the meeting.

The women always look forward to getting together to share how things are going, as well as take time to dig a little deeper into the competencies covered in the material. There is always an emphasis on win-build-send, too.

“The reason we are doing this is so others can know God and teach others who will reach and teach still others.” Several ladies are starting groups this fall.

In the meantime, Lana and Yulia wanted to increase the pool of facilitators by training some women in their city. This training was also in Lana’s home, but only for a 3-day weekend a few weeks ago. Ten ladies participated and were equally enthusiastic about starting groups in their spheres of influence.

But how will this strategy reach unbelievers?



There is a version of this material for unbelievers called, *Soaring*. It provides the same tools for finding purpose and mission in life, but without the biblical references. The topic of spiritual values comes up as a natural part of the content, so there are opportunities for spiritual conversations.

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Yulia is a respected member of the Women’s Society in their city. The

Women’s Society is government sponsored, with the purpose of resourcing women’s issues and needs. Yulia and Lana offered to teach *Soaring* as a course for interested members. As this is a government sanctioned venue, Yulia and Lana will not be able to talk about God while presenting the material. But small group members are free to say whatever they want during group discussions and peer mentoring times with their partners. So Lana and

Yulia's plan is that the small groups will be peppered with believing women, who have already gone through the Christian version of the course.

They anticipate high interest in this course, because the uniqueness of peer coaching, as well as finding purpose and mission in life are hot topics right now.

Please pray:

- The Women's Society would say "yes" to the idea of Lana and Yulia teaching the Soaring course.
- That Lana would be able to speak in a way that communicates and connects well with the ladies in the audience
- That Lana and Yulia would be able to begin building long-term relationships with ladies during the course
- That God would indeed raise up a movement of women who know their mission and are actively reaching others for Christ through this program
- Thank God for the 30 women, who are already trained and ready to begin groups among their friends and neighbors



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